

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Japanese document JP55036554. Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Japanese document JP01163306. Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Japanese document '557 in view of Japanese document JP06057761.

Applicant would like to thank Examiner Singh for the consideration given applicant's attorney at the interview of February 4, 2010. At the interview, agreement was reached with respect to the claims that they are distinguished over the prior art of record. It was further agreed that, in the absence of more relevant prior art, the captioned application should be in condition for allowance.

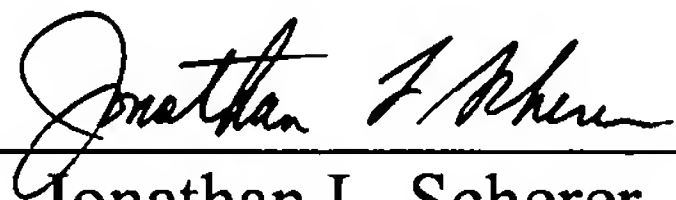
Accordingly, the present invention, as defined in the amended claims, is patentably distinguished over the art of record.

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application should now be in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is in order, and such favorable action and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

However, if after reviewing the above amendments and remarks, the Examiner has any questions or comments, he is cordially invited to contact the undersigned attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,

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